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Letter dated 6 October 2010 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as President of the Security Council, I am forwarding to you a letter dated 1 October 2010, from the Chair of the Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict established by Security Council resolution 1612 (2005) (see annex), based on the Working Group's conclusions adopted on 8 September 2010 (S/AC.51/2010/3).

(*Signed*) Ruhakana **Rugunda**
President of the Security Council

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Annex to the letter dated 6 October 2010 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

On 12 October 2009, the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict established by Security Council resolution 1612 (2005) examined your report on children and armed conflict in Colombia (S/2009/434). Following its 8 September 2010 meeting, the Working Group adopted its conclusions on children and armed conflict in Colombia (see S/AC.51/2010/3).

In follow-up to the recommendations of the Working Group, approved by the Security Council, and subject to and consistent with applicable international law and relevant Security Council resolutions, including Security Council resolutions 1612 (2005) and 1882 (2009), I am entrusted, in my capacity as Chairman of the Working Group, to urge you to continue communications with the Government of Colombia, as agreed in previous exchanges with it, regarding dialogue for child protection purposes with the parties to armed conflict in Colombia who have been listed in the annexes to your annual report on children and armed conflict (A/64/742-S/2010/181), including with a view to facilitating the establishment of action plans by these parties. I also urge you to reiterate the need to safeguard information in order to secure adequate protection for witnesses in the framework of the monitoring and reporting mechanism, and to convey to the United Nations country-level task force on monitoring and reporting the deep concern of the Working Group regarding the criminal incident of 6 October 2009 involving information related to the monitoring and reporting mechanism.

I kindly invite you to consider the strengthening of the efforts of the United Nations in close cooperation with the Government of Colombia to provide assistance to improve the implementation of rehabilitation and reintegration programmes as well as child protection and prevention programmes for children affected by armed conflict with particular attention to health care and psychosocial care to child victims and child victims of sexual violence.

(*Signed*) Claude **Heller**
Chairman of the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict